

*From Your Pastor*



**SECOND SEASON SIGN-UP SUNDAY – FEBRUARY 7-8**

The Second Season of the **ARISE Together in Christ** process will begin at St. Columbkille's during the last week of February. The heart of the **ARISE** process is the gathering of small groups of people in homes to read and pray with the Scriptures. We are hoping as many people in the parish as possible will see the formation of these small group communities as a moment of grace and will participate. The commitment to the second Season of **ARISE** involves only six weekly gatherings from late February to early April.

The focus in prayer for this second Season of **ARISE** is "**Change Our Hearts.**" The themes for the individual sessions are very rich indeed.

Session 1: Repent and Believe the Good News! We need Conversion. The Scripture Reading for reflection is from Matthew 6: 1-6, 16-18 – "Give yourselves to almsgiving, prayer, and fasting in secret."

Session 2: In God's Beloved Son We Become God's Beloved as well. The Scripture Reading is from Mark 9: 2-10 – "This is my beloved son. Listen to him."

Session 3: Thirsting for New Life. Our lives are satisfied only in Christ. The Scripture Reading is from John 4: 5-30, 39-42 – "A spring of water gushing up to eternal life."

Session 4: From Darkness to Light. The focus is that living in Christ is living in the light. The Scripture reading is John 3: 1-21 – "The light has come into the world."

Session 5: We Are Bound to God by a Promise and Covenant. The Scripture Reading is Jeremiah 31: 31-34 – "I will make a new covenant...and remember their sin no more."

Session 6: Heading into Holy Week with Christ. The Scripture Reading is Philippians 2: 6-11 – "Christ humbled himself, but God raised him high."

As we begin a new Season of **ARISE** with our Sign-up next weekend, please pray the **ARISE** prayer for the success of the **ARISE** process this spring in our parish. Moreover, please give considered thought and prayer to joining one of our small group communities. It is sure to be a blessing – for you and for the parish.

***The ARISE Prayer***

Gracious God and Father,  
we enter into your presence  
realizing you know us better than we know ourselves.  
You know the cares and sufferings  
we carry in our hearts.  
You call us to holiness  
and we trust you to lead us together  
on our journey to be a renewed Church,  
for with you all things are possible.  
Create us anew in Jesus Christ your Son.  
Liberate us from all that keeps us from you.  
Heal us from every form of sin and violence.  
Transform us to live your Word more profoundly.  
Awaken us to the sacred; rebuild trust among us.  
Enliven our parishes; reunite our families.  
May your Holy Spirit empower us  
to live as a community of love,  
freed to share in your work  
of recreating our world and restoring justice.  
We believe you are doing something new,  
calling us to arise together in Christ  
to celebrate the fullness of life. Amen.

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God bless each of you.

*Mrs. Fay*

**Prayers are requested** for those who are ill, for vocations to the Priesthood and to the Consecrated Life; for married couples and for families; for the safe return home of the men and women in our military services; and for the repose of the souls of Josephine P. Sullivan and the deceased members of our parish, our families and our benefactors.

**Monday, February 2 The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord**, is the traditional day on which candles for use in the church or home are blessed for the year. If you would like to have candles blessed for your home, please bring them to Mass on Monday at 7:00 or 9:00 AM.

**Thanks to Our Religious** – The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord is also a day on which we give thanks to God for the gift of Religious women and men in the Church. A special thanks to the Sisters of St. Joseph of Boston, the Sisters of Notre Dame, the Missionary Sisters of St. Columban, the Franciscan Missionary Sisters for Africa, the Franciscan Missionary Sisters of Mary, the Assumptionist Fathers and the Franciscan Fathers, all of whom have residences in Brighton

**Blessing of Throats Next Weekend.** February 3<sup>rd</sup> is the day on which the Church traditionally remembers Saint Blaise. The custom of throat blessing on his feast day comes from the veneration that the Church has had for Saint Blaise since the sixth century. The Blessing of Throats will be available at the conclusion of all Masses next weekend.

**First Friday and the Eucharist:** In order to strengthen the Eucharistic character of First Friday, the First Friday schedule is as follows: Mass at 7:00 and 9:00 AM and 7:00 PM (Latin). Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be from 9:30 AM until 12:00 Noon, for an increase of Vocations to the priesthood and Consecrated Life. Exposition will conclude with Benediction at 12:00 Noon. Sign-up sheets for adoration are available at the doors of the church.

**The Monday Evening Prayer Group** will meet on Monday at 7:15 pm in the lower church.

**Msgr. Fay will celebrate the CatholicTV Mass on Monday, February 9 at 9:30 AM.** The CatholicTV Center is behind St. Patrick's Church at 34 Chestnut Street in Watertown. You are very welcome to be at the

TV Mass. It is always nice to have a community from the parish. Please be at the TV Center by 9:00 AM on the morning of the Mass. You can call Patricia McShane if you have any questions.

**Peter's Pence:** The second collection next weekend enables the Holy Father to respond with financial assistance to our brothers and sisters in need throughout the world. Please be as generous as your means will allow.

**The Catholic Daughters Court 1543** would like to thank the parishioners of Saint Columbkille Parish for their generous contributions to the Pennies for the Unborn Drive that was held last weekend. The collection totaled over \$500.00. We are still counting pennies! 100% of the money collected goes to the Pro-Life Office for such works as Pregnancy Help, Project Rachel and education programs. The next meeting of the Catholic Daughters will be on Tuesday, February 3 at 1:00 in the Knights of Columbus Hall. We are holding an award ceremony for the Education Contest. All Catholic women are invited.

**February Donations Were Made Towards** the wine in loving memory of Giovanni Cedrone by his family and towards the candles in loving memory of Rose A. Dawson, Rose A. Flynn and Margaret Versiackas by the Dawson Family.

### *Parish Giving*

**Parish Offertory (Jan. 24 – 25): \$4,982**

**Church in Latin America (Jan. 24 – 25): \$1,418**

**St. Vincent de Paul (Jan. 17 - 18): \$57.17**

*Thank You for Your Generosity*

### **UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS**

**Thursday February 26 – 7:00 pm**  
Mass of Healing

**Sundays February 15 & 22 & March 15 & 29**  
Family Masses at 9:30 am

**Monday, April 6 – 7:00 pm**  
Lenten Penance Service

**Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time  
February 1, 2009  
Masses for the Week**

**Sunday, Feb. 1 – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time**

**(Sat.)** 4:00 pm The McShane & Hennessey Families, M  
7:30 am Mary Stanton Powers, 52<sup>nd</sup> Ann.  
9:30 am Lola & Salvatore Saleme, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ann.  
11:15 am Fillipo Mansueto, 11<sup>th</sup> Ann.  
12:45 pm *Missa pro Populo*  
5:00 pm Salvatore & Elvira Cutone, Mem.

**Mon.** 7:00 am Margaret Coen, Mem.

**Tue.** 7:00 am Domenico, Lucia & Maria Cirigliano, M

**Wed.** 7:00 am Evelyn Ward, Mem.

**Thu.** 7:00 am Justin Auciello, 51<sup>st</sup> Ann.

**Fri.** 7:00 am Albert, Elizabeth & Kevin Legros, Mem

**Sat.** 7:00 am Bernadette Canney, Mem.

**Sunday, Feb. 8 – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time**

**(Sat.)** 4:00 pm John Bane, 9<sup>th</sup> Ann.  
7:30 am *Missa pro Populo*  
9:30 am Joseph A. & Grace Grasso, Mem.  
11:15 am Mary Connell, 9<sup>th</sup> Ann.  
12:45 pm Ana Cadena Brabo, 59<sup>th</sup> Ann.  
5:00 pm Patrick Barry, 12<sup>th</sup> Ann.